Appointments and Promotions by the previous Ministry.

Q.—197. Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of appointments and promotions both gazetted and non-gazetted that were made by the previous Ministry from January 1952 till date of relinquishing the office ;

(*b*) the names of these persons and the offices they held previously ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) and (*b*) Information is being collected.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, is this the answer to a question ?

* Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I am free to make a confession that it is not exactly the answer that is due to that question. I will really collect information and place it before the House.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Can the figures be placed now ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The Secretariat had not had sufficient time to furnish this answer. As soon as it is ready— it may be during this session—I will be able to furnish the information.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is this question deferred ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—The information required will be supplied to you.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—But I am denied the opportunity to put supplementaries on that.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—So far as Government is concerned, it is not interested in hiding things. I concede that the member can ask the question again.

Mr. SPEAKER.—That is not the usual practice.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The member can ask a fresh question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We will consider.

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Scheduled Castes people in Higher Gazetted Ranks.

Q.—258. Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI (Kolar Gold Fields—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

how many Scheduled Castes people there are as Deputy Commissioners, Superintendents of Police and Inspector-General of Police in the State ?

A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister).—

Nil.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—Will the Government at least from now make it a point to promote Scheduled Castes officers to such posts ?

* Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—No, Sir.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—Will the Government be able to give reasons ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The reasons are that the Government has to act according to the rules and the principles of the Constitution. The Hon'ble Member may rest assured that whatever constitutional privileges are given to the Scheduled Castes in accordance with the rules framed thereunder will be strictly complied with.

Sri P. M. SWAMIDURAI.—Previously, it was replied that when occasions arose Scheduled Castes people may be taken to the higher ranks. Was there no occasion like that to elevate Scheduled Castes people ?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—There was no occasion. If there was an occasion, Government would have certainly done it.

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High powered Industrial Directorate.

Q.—32. Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Channarayapatna).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they contemplate to constitute a high powered Directorate of Industries ; if so, when ;

(*b*) whether it would be purely a non-official body or an official body ;

(*c*) the scope of this body ?